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Dear Bill:

You may feel perfectly free to pass this letter around so that it can be seen by Tom, Pat, Roy and John Servis.

Actually there is not very much to report at this end. Your half of the building remains deserted and the rest of us rather rattle around. Lynn has gone down to Texas this week, so we are even fewer in number. We have continued to have the same mild and beautiful weather that we were having when you left. On a couple of days the wind has kicked up the dust, but it never lasted more than a day up here.

About a week ago there was a notice in the Albuquerque paper that the Shell Oil Company had struck oil in a well which was located about 15 miles south of Carrant, Nevada. A booming oil field in that region could certainly complicate the Test Manager's job.

Harry Foreman continued to treat his patient with EDTA up to last Friday. This week she has shown counts descending from 11 to 6. She has also acquired a mild urinary infection which might or might not result from the EDTA.

The case of Bob England was a rather rude greeting on Roy's arrival. Perhaps it should be pointed out to Clint Maupin that this quite successfully took matters out of his hands.

Payne Harris is out of the Army and has been a staff member here since the 17th. He managed to get a Western Area duplex on 47th Street.

We are all set to catch any fall-out or increase in background that may come our way from the West, and we will try to keep you posted as to the results. I hope if we tell you that the background has gone up by a factor of 10, you will believe it.

Si is busy modifying the modification of the sniffer. A new version is guaranteed to discriminate between beta and gamma activity. Ford Kalil keeps busy but seems a little unhappy in that there is no one here he can talk to.

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I would like to remind you characters that you were requested to send back word from time to time as to how things were going. So far all of you have been strangely silent. Perhaps it isn't so strange after all.

There is one personal request which I would like to include in this note. I wish someone would find out if the PX on Fred has any pearl ear rings. If possible, I would like to get one nice pair for Frances and two pair of small ones for the two girls. I pierced Sally's ears last Sunday and will probably do the other pair this summer. The ear rings for pierced ears, therefore, are desired, although if they only have the screw-on type, it is quite simple to have them changed at this end.

I hope you are all having a good time and that everything is running as smoothly as possible. We also hope that you can see fit to come home as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY THOMAS L. SHIPMAN, M. D.

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